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Comment on FBI Report TS-76857 Dated 10 February 1953

Paragraph Summary

Comment

Stalin is very ill and Malenkov is acting for him. Soviets will initiate offensive through Turkey and Yugoslavia in spring, 1953 or 1954, unless Stalin is still alive. Stalin will not permit Soviets to start a war.

During recent interviews Stalin appeared in good health.

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[redacted] There are no specific signs that such an attack is being prepared. Stalin's reluctance to start war was also reported in 1951.

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This statement on Stalin's attitude is common to all such reports.

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Tito must be eliminated within three months after January 1953. Croatians being trained near Vienna to do the eliminating. Two persons available to replace Tito.

No confirmation. Rumors have been received of the planned assassination of Tito by exiled groups during his scheduled trip to UK.

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Soviets have made "fantastic technical and chemical" achievements in Siberia. They must anticipate U.S. actions with a "warrior" now in the White House.

[redacted]
All this can be inferred from circumstances surrounding the "doctors plot" and is regarded as a probably accurate appraisal. Beria in trouble is a logical inference from present developments but cannot be substantiated at present.

KGB leaders more apprehensive of enemies within USSR than those outside. Old party members must return to old revolutionary ways of terror to reverse tendency to grow away from the masses. Beria is in trouble and will have more when Stalin dies.

FBI reports no evidence of foreign influence in recent train wrecks caused by brake failure or in plane crashes.

The Soviets believe they must have "terror and sabotage" in US.

No evidence.

Soviets seeking to compromise Eisenhower but "a couple of setups" failed.

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